

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 Designed for use with widescreen TVs or high-end TVs with a mode for
3 accommodating anamorphic programs, an EPG client is equipped with an
4 electronic program guide (EPG) and a letterbox-to-anamorphic converter. The
5 EPG client evaluates EPG data to determine whether programs are in the letterbox
6 format. When a letterboxed program is selected for viewing, the EPG client
7 vertically stretches the program by a ratio of M/N, where M>N (e.g., 4/3), to
8 convert the program from the letterbox format to an anamorphic format prior to
9 delivery to the television. The converted anamorphic program is output to the
10 television, where it is horizontally expanded to fit the screen.

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